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No. II.

PLANTING TIMBER.

The LARGE GOLD MEDAL, being the premium offered, was this session given to Col. JAMES WILSON, of Sneaton Castle, near Whitby, for planting 174 acres of Moor Land with Forest Trees.

COL. WILSON'S first communication was imperfect, in consequence of his not being acquainted with the conditions under which the premium is offered by the Society. The Secretary was therefore directed to write to him, stating the several heads on which the Society required information. To that letter, the following reply, with its inclosure, was received.

SIR,

Sneaton Castle, 9th April, 1825.

On receipt of your letter of 29th March, I handed it over to my steward, Mr. Peter Scott, with a desire that he would give a correct account and statement of all you required respecting the young plantations established by me on the Sneaton estate; and I have now the satisfaction to enclose, for the information of the Society, his statement on that subject, which will no doubt be found correct and satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

A. Aikin, Esq.

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary, &c. &c.

JAMES WILSON.

N. B. The surveyor's certificate as to the 174 acres is annexed to Mr. Scott's letter.

J. W.

SIR,

Sneaton, 7th April, 1825.

I HAVE read Mr. Aikin's communication to you on the subject of your young plantations, and beg to say, that all contained in Mr. Redman's certificate comes under the dates mentioned in Mr. Aikin's letter, except the Maybeck plantation, 21 acres; this has only been supplied last autumn, and must have been planted long previous to 1st Oct. 1820; it therefore cannot come under the meaning of Mr. Aikin's letter. The quantity planted in the spring of 1820, say from January to March; and from December, 1820; till 31st March, 1821, amount exactly to one hundred and seventy-four acres, completely established, and all in a thriving state, and will, in a few years more, be a great ornament to this part of the country; in fact, it is so already. The whole of the above is in the parish and lordship of Sneaton, excepting the four acres which form part of the plantations round Sneaton castle, in the parish of Ruswarp, adjoining that of Sneaton. The soil of these four acres is *rich* and good, but all the rest, or nearly so, is *moor land*, over a strong clay soil. The expense of planting, as near as I can ascertain, cost you as follows, viz. :—

Your contract with Dicksons and Sim, of Hawick,	}	64 acres
was 6 <i>l.</i> per acre for . . . , .		
But the remainder having been done with larger	}	110 acres
plants, average fully 7 <i>l.</i> per acre, for		

I find the average cost of draining and fencing the above 174 acres, including the young quicks and guard fencing the same, amounts, as near as I can ascertain, to 4*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per acre, allowing the customary price for posts and rails out of your own woods.

I am, Sir,

&c. &c. &c.

James Wilson, Esq.

P. SCOTT.

Cost of planting, draining, and fencing 174 acres of land belonging to J. P. Wilson, Esq. of Sneaton Castle, referred to in the foregoing letter.

	£.	s.	d.
Planting 64 acres, at 6 <i>l.</i> per acre, per contract .	384	0	0
Do. 110 acres, at 7 <i>l.</i> including plants and labour	770	0	0
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174	£1154	0	0
Expense of draining and fencing the above 174 acres, including young quicks, posts, and rails, amounting, as near as I can ascertain, to 4 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per acre.	804	15	0
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	£1958	15	0

The quantity of plants in each acre, are 6969, which makes the total, 1,111,606. Each acre containing as under.

1000 oak	}	Making 6969 trees per acre, as before stated.
300 ash		
300 elm		
71 sycamore		
70 beech		
2614 larch		
2614 Scot's firs		

I hope the above statement will be understood by Mr. Aikin, as well as yourself, and prove satisfactory ; and I can only say that every pains has been taken to ascertain the exact expense, as near as I possibly can.

I am, Sir,

&c. &c. &c.

P. SCOTT.

N. B. The hard wood has been planted in pits, and the soft wood nicked into the ground in the form of T.

I HAVE examined and surveyed the young plantations above mentioned, amounting to 174 acres, and certify the same to be correct, as stated by Mr. Peter Scott, steward for the Sneaton estate.

WILLIAM READMAN,
Land Surveyor and School Master,
Sleight, near Whitby.